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TURKEY BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1, 1956

Heavy breed turkey breeder hens on farms January 1, 1956 were estimated at 2,719,000 birds--10 percent more than a year ago. Breeder hens of the light breeds were estimated at 493,000--a decrease of 8 percent, the Crop Reporting Board announced.

Numbers of heavy breed hens on January 1 this year showed increases in all parts of the country, except the North Atlantic, where there was a decrease of 1 percent. Increases from a year ago were 14 percent in the West North Central, 13 percent in the South Central, 11 percent in the East North Central, 10 percent in the West and 1 percent in the South Atlantic States. The 6 leading States with 60 percent of the heavy breeders in the country, ranking in the order named, are California, Texas, Minnesota, Oregon, Missouri, and Ohio. These 6 States have 13 percent more heavy breeders than a year ago.

Light breed turkey breeder hens on farms January 1 showed decreases from a year ago in all parts of the country except the West North Central and South Atlantic, where there were increases of 6 and 4 percent respectively. Decreases were 9 percent in the South Central, 10 percent in the East North Central, 27 percent in the West and 35 percent in the North Atlantic States. The 6 leading States with 64 percent of the light breeder hens in the country are Virginia, Minnesota, Ohio, Missouri, California and Texas. These States had 4 percent fewer light breeders on January 1 than a year earlier.

TURKEYS: BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1

State and Division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds		
	1955	1956	1956 as % of 1955	1955	1956	1956 as % of 1955
	Thousands	Percent		Thousands	Percent	
Maine	8	10	125	8	5	60
N.H.	10	10	100	1	1	100
Vt.	6	5	83	--	--	--
Mass.	27	26	95	1	1	100
R.I.	3	2	67	--	--	--
Conn.	11	10	91	1	2	200
N.Y.	46	41	89	1	1	100
N.J.	7	7	100	3	3	100
Pa.	49	54	110	19	9	47
<u>N.Atl.</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>65</u>
Ohio	100	116	116	39	40	103
Ind.	16	21	131	4	3	75
Ill.	27	30	111	4	3	75
Mich.	65	62	95	8	4	50
Wis.	49	56	114	7	6	86
<u>E.N.Cent.</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>90</u>
Minn.	205	238	116	50	65	130
Iowa	86	96	112	4	4	100
Mo.	122	144	118	43	38	88
N.Dak.	15	20	133	3	2	67
S.Dak.	10	10	100	2	1	50
Nebr.	23	25	109	1	1	100
Kans.	38	36	95	4	2	50
<u>W.N.Cent.</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>106</u>
Del.	3	3	100	1	1	100
Md.	22	18	82	3	6	200
Va.	57	60	105	98	98	100
W.Va.	17	13	76	15	24	160
N.C.	37	38	103	3	3	100
S.C.	59	63	107	12	4	33
Ga.	29	31	108	--	--	--
Fla.	13	13	100	3	5	167
<u>S.Atl.</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>104</u>
Ky.	41	44	108	1	1	100
Tenn.	19	22	116	3	2	67
Ala.	20	22	110	9	10	111
Miss.	26	32	123	4	4	100
Ark.	22	25	114	23	31	135
La.	20	22	110	2	3	150
Okla.	44	45	102	6	7	117
Texas	224	260	116	54	35	65
<u>S.Cent.</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>91</u>
Mont.	4	3	75	--	--	--
Idaho	3	3	100	1	1	100
Wyo.	3	3	100	--	--	--
Colo.	11	8	73	1	--	--
N.Mex.	4	4	100	--	--	--
Ariz.	5	5	100	--	--	--
Utah	20	24	120	14	6	43
Nev.	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wash.	67	72	107	10	6	60
Oreg.	187	214	114	23	17	74
Calif.	596	653	110	44	38	86
West.	900	989	110	93	68	73
<u>U.S.</u>	<u>2,476</u>	<u>2,719</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>493</u>	<u>92</u>